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LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

CAST

listed alphabetically

Matt Austin Seymour
Jessica Braun Crystal
Elayne Cassara Ronnette
Rachel Corn Audrey
Stephen DiRocco Mr. Mushnik
Joe Harding Voice of Audrey II
Barb Kessler Ensemble
Caitlin Kuhfeldt Chiffon
Bob Lussier Orin Scrivello, DDS
Jim Ryan Audrey II Puppeteer
Alexis M. Vournazos Ensemble

SETTING

Mushnik's Skid Row Florist Shop

MUSICIANS

Mark Campbell Bass
Stephanie Gaumer-Klein Keyboards
John Pokorny Drums
Brendan Stavris Guitar

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Chiffon, Crystal and Ronnette
<i>Downtown (Skid Row)</i>	Company
<i>Da-Doo</i>	Seymour, Chiffon, Crystal and Ronnette
<i>Grow for Me</i>	Seymour
<i>Ya Never Know</i>	Mushnik, Seymour, Chiffon, Crystal and Ronnette
<i>Somewhere That's Green</i>	Audrey
<i>Closed for Renovation</i>	Mushnik, Seymour and Audrey
<i>Dentist!</i>	Orin, Chiffon, Crystal and Ronnette
<i>Mushnik and Son</i>	Mushnik and Seymour
<i>Git It</i>	Seymour, The Voice of Audrey II, Chiffon, Crystal and Ronnette
<i>Now (It's Just the Gas)</i>	Orin and Seymour

ACT 2

<i>Call Back in the Morning</i>	Audrey and Seymour
<i>Suddenly Seymour</i>	Seymour, Audrey, Chiffon, Crystal and Ronnette
<i>Suppertime</i>	The Voice of Audrey II, Chiffon, Crystal and Ronnette
<i>The Meek Shall Inherit</i>	Seymour, Chiffon, Crystal, Ronnette, Bernstein, Luce and Snip
<i>Sominex/Suppertime (Reprise)</i>	Audrey and The Voice of Audrey II
<i>Somewhere That's Green (Reprise)</i>	Audrey
<i>Don't Feed the Plant</i>	Company

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Biographies, cont'd.

Bob Lussier (ORIN) It's so good to be back on stage! Bob is very excited to be here after a 3 year absence from theatre and 10 years since being on the Brookfield stage. Some favorite roles include Smudge (*Forever Plaid*), Scrooge (*A Christmas Carol*) and Jud Frey (*Oklahoma*). Bob was last seen as Vito Pinoli (*It Had To Be You*) which was the catalyst for his eventual nuptials to his beautiful wife, Sue, who has always been his #1 fan! When not acting or fixing computers at Victorinox Swiss Army, Inc., Bob is the drummer for the local Blues Band: *Mojo Meltdown*. To the cast: Break a leg, Gang!

John Pokorny (DRUMS) By day, when John is not busy as a Nuclear Physicist, he can be found investigating fires and safety hazards as Weston's Fire Marshall & Fire Chief. John has played for more than 16 musicals at TBTA. He has also performed at The Ridgefield Theatre Barn and The Sherman Playhouse.

Jim Ryan (AUDREY II PUPPETEER) has played a man of unknown purpose, a slovenly sports-writer, a father, an elf, a stage manager, a reporter, an accident prone business owner, a whiny poker player, a cop, a priest, a lieutenant, a ten-foot demon, a disorderly orderly and now a man-eating plant! Jim would like to thank his family and friends- especially Pete, Ronnie and Malika- for everything they've done for him!

Brendan Stavris (GUITAR) started playing piano at the age of 6 and moved on to saxophone and guitar. In high school he was selected for the CMEA Southern Regional and All-State bands. This also allowed him to join the United States Youth Ensemble and play for their European Concert Tour. Brendan pursued his passion for music and teaching at WCSU where he is in his senior year as a music education major, with saxophone as his primary instrument. Previous pit band experience include WCSU's *Tommy* and *The Full Monty*, as well as community theatre productions with Musicals at Richter and Trumbull's Regional Center for the Arts.

Cindy Tyler and **Patti Tompkins** (COSTUME DESIGN) Cindy and Patti have enjoyed costuming several of New Milford High School's productions together. These include: *Oklahoma*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie* and most recently, *Disney's Beauty & the Beast*. "T & T" (as they jokingly refer themselves since they think that costuming is a BLAST) are happy to be working with producer, Meg Jones, along with this talented director and cast at The Brookfield Theatre for the Arts. Break a leg....HOWEVER, neither of us want to see you at our day jobs—Patti works at The Candlewood Valley Health and Rehab Center and Cindy is an Oncology Nurse at New Milford Regional Cancer Center.

Alexis M. Vournazos (WINO, MR. BERNSTEIN, SKIP SNIP, PATRICK MARTIN, VOICE NOT UNLIKE GOD'S, INTERVIEWER) Alexis is happy to be back on the TBTA stage where he was last seen as Speed in *The Odd Couple*. He has also appeared at TBTA in *Barnum*, *Hello Dolly*, *Whodunnit*, *Dial M for Murder*, *Spiders Web*, *LaCage Aux Folles*, *Exit The Body*, *House of Blue Leaves*, *Man of LaMancha* and *Assassins*. Other favorite roles include: *Dracula* (*Dracula*), Nathan Detroit (*Guys and Dolls*), Tim (*Noises Off*), Sylvius (*As You Like It*), Saul/Watson/ Dr. R. Forbes (*Play On*), and Judas (*The Last Supper*). "It is great to work again with some old and talented friends, as well as to make new ones." Alexis would like to thank his family and friends for all their support over the many years.

Joan Wyner (STAGE MANAGER) is again delighted to be back at TBTA, but this time, behind the scenes. Prior involvement at TBTA includes performances in *Bye Bye Birdie*, *The Diviners*, *Carnival*, *Peter Pan* and *Harvey*. She has also performed at her synagogue in *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Murder Mystery* and *My Big Fat Jewish Wedding*. Joan is a psychotherapist in Brookfield and proud Mom to Zachary, a senior at Northeastern University, and Emily, a freshman at Tufts University. I am delighted to have been asked to be a part of this wonderful production with a group of such talented and terrific people.

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Production Staff

DIRECTOR	Alicia P. Dempster
MUSICAL DIRECTOR	Stephanie Gaumer-Klein
PRODUCER	Meg Jones
LIGHTING DESIGN	Brian Casella
PUPPET DESIGN—POD 1 & 2	Kyle Pasciutti
PUPPET DESIGN—POD 3 & 4	Bill Diamond
COSTUME DESIGN	Patti Tompkins, Cindy Tyler
SET DESIGN	Alicia P. Dempster
MASTER CARPENTER	Dave Dillon
SET CONSTRUCTION	Jay Austin, Sean Brown, Alicia P. Dempster, Meg Jones, Jim Ryan, Joan Wyner
SOUND DESIGN & EXECUTION	Brian Casella
STAGE MANAGER	Joan Wyner
LIGHTING CREW	Josh White
STAGE CREW	Zoe Destories
OPENING NIGHT PARTY	Kristin Hoose

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Jeanette Barrows is a life-long resident of the area. She graduated from the University of Hartford's Hartt Art School where she majored in photography and art education. She is a member of the Candlewood Camera Club and the Garden Club of New Milford.

BIOGRAPHIES

Matt Austin (SEYMOUR) is thrilled to be returning to TBTA after a recent tour of *Mulan On Ice* in which he created the role of the Fortune Cookie. Matt is a graduate of the D.A.R.E. program and a proud member of the Starbuck's Reward Club. Favorite roles include: Tony (*West Side Story*), Harold (*Music Man*), Eva Peron (*Evita*), and Mrs. Meers (*Thoroughly Modern Millie*). Mind you, he has never played those roles, but he enjoys them! In his spare time he enjoys writing about himself in the third person. Many thanks to his family and friends for their much needed support and to everyone at TBTA for welcoming him back.

Jessica Braun (CRYSTAL) is thrilled to be making her TBTA debut in *Little Shop of Horrors*. Jessica was last seen as Nehbkah in *Aida* at The Warner Theatre. Other credits include *Oliver*, *A Night at the Oscars*, *Show Boat*, *Les Miserables*, *Anything Goes*, *Peter Pan*, *Annie* and *The Wiz*. Jessica also had the thrilling experience of performing with Melba Moore and American Idol's Diana DiGarmo in the national tour of *Brooklyn—The Musical* at the Bushnell Theatre in Hartford. For 15 years Jessica studied at The Lathrop School of Dance in Newtown. Jessica would like to give a special thanks Alicia, Meg and Stephanie for making her a part of this cast. Lastly, a big thank you to her voice teacher, Anne Carlson, and family and friends for their undying support!! Break a leg!!

Mark Campbell (BASS) Have bass, will travel! Mark has been a regular performer at TBTA starting with *Godspell* in 2001 and continuing through every musical performed at TBTA since, save one! *Little Shop* is his 17th show at TBTA. He has also performed at The Ridgefield Theatre Barn, The Sherman Playhouse and with Crime and Merriment Performers. He says he will keep coming back as long as they'll have him!

Brian Casella (LIGHTING DESIGN) is thrilled to be working on *Little Shop of Horrors* at the end of TBTA's 2009 season. Brian has been the Technical Director at TBTA for the past 5 years. This is his first time designing all season. Throughout the year, Brian has organized and created a new lighting rigging system on stage, as well as a new lighting console. These have all been funded by a donation from Best Buy in Danbury. Brian is excited to see it all be put to good use in this terrific production. Brian thanks his friends and family, as well as the members of TBTA, that have helped make these upgrades a reality.

Elayne Cassara (RONNETTE) is a singer/songwriter who has ventured into the world of musical theatre within the last two years. She has spent the last two decades as a fine arts director in Darien, CT. Her most recent roles include Muzzy (*Thoroughly Modern Millie*), Widow Corney (*Oliver*), The Blues Singer (*Barnum*), Zaresh (*Esther*) and Herod/Amnerrus (*Broadway Cafe*).

Rachel Corn (AUDREY) is making her debut at TBTA. Favorite roles include: Lily (*The Secret Garden*), Sheila (*An Inspector Calls*), Shelby (*Steel Magnolias*) and Annabel (*Lucky Stiff*). Rachel has been working with dentists for years. She is relieved to say that at her current day job, Ridgefield Dental Care, she is treated much more compassionately than she is on stage by Orin Scrivello, DDS! Rachel has yearned for the opportunity to sing *Suddenly Seymour* in this musical since the age of five and is giddily overjoyed to finally be Audrey! Thanks to all who made this dream a reality! Enjoy the greenery—but don't feed the plant!

Alicia P. Dempster (DIRECTOR) is delighted to be concluding a very busy year with *Little Shop of Horrors* at TBTA, where she also serves on the Board as VP & Managing Director. Other directing credits include: *Little Women*, *Peter Pan*, *The Diviners*, *Dear Edwina, Jr.*, and *Sleeping Beauty Kids* (TBTA), *Doubt* and *How I Learned to Drive* (TheatreWorks), *A Few Good Men* (Sherman Playhouse), *Richter Rising Stars* (Richter), *When Pigs Fly* (Triangle Community Center), *Life With Father* (Wilton Playshop) and *Pippin* (ONU). Thanks to Meg, Stephanie and the wonderful cast

BIOGRAPHIES, cont'd.

and crew that have taken up residence on Skid Row. Special hugs of gratitude to the cast of characters back on the home front: Billy, Sabine, Isabelle & Delaney.

Stephen DiRocco (MUSHNIK) Blooming previously as BF Schlegel in *Carnival*, Stephen's coming up roses to be making another appearance at TBTA. Stephen's no shrinking violet, appearing in numerous productions. Some plum musical roles include: Lycus (*A Funny Thing....Forum*), Uncle Tony/Luigi (*Lucky Stiff*), Herr Schultz (*Cabaret*), Archibald (*Secret Garden*), Tevye (*Fiddler on the Roof*), Applegate (*Damn Yankees*), Etches (*Titanic*), and Nicely Nicely (*Guys and Dolls*). Not one to gild the lily, before he withers on the vine, this old chestnut thanks Alicia for the opportunity—before he went to seed—to make hay with this terrifically talented cast and amazing crew.

Stephanie Gaumer-Klein (MUSICAL DIRECTOR) has musically directed and performed many shows in Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania for regional and community theatre. Favorite shows include *Dreamgirls*, *La Cage* and a European tour of *42nd Street*. Recent shows include *Wonderful Town*, *Funny Girl*, *Peter Pan*, *Nonsense*, *Grease*, *The Wiz*, *White Christmas* and *Bye Bye Birdie*. She is the Musical Director for a summer theatre camp at The Playhouse on the Green and is teaching Music Together in preschools in Bridgeport. *Little Shop* is a favorite of Stephanie's, who musically directed her first production of it 14 years ago at The Wilton Playshop. She wishes the cast and crew much luck and fun and dedicates this production to her wonderful family.

Joe Harding (VOICE OF AUDREY II) Joe's first appearance, among many on the Brookfield stage, was as Richard Sherman in the 1992 production of the *Seven Year Itch*—now he is actually old enough to play the role! Joe was a recipient of The President's Award in 1996 and has lost more Paddy's than he has won. Most recently, Joe was seen in The Thomaston Opera House's production of *The Producers*, where he appeared as Max Bialystock. Joe would like to thank Meg, Alicia, Steph and his boss, Meredith, for making this experience possible.

Meg Jones (PRODUCER) is happy to be a part of this wonderful production. She has enjoyed working with the talented people that you see on stage. Meg is no stranger to the stage at TBTA and was last seen in *Pippin*. She is also on the TBTA's Board of Directors and heads the costume department. If you are interested in putting theatre in your life, please consider getting involved with our 2010 season at TBTA!

Dr. Barbara Kessler (BAG LADY, CUSTOMER, DENTAL PATIENT, MRS. LUCE) is very happy to be back at TBTA to help close such an exciting season. Many thanks to Alicia, Meg, and this fun and talented cast for a wonderful time off stage and on. Barb was seen previously on this stage as the Bearded Lady (*Carnival*) and Mrs. McAfee (*Bye Bye Birdie*). This summer she played Mrs. Brice in *Funny Girl* at Musicals At Richter. Other favorite roles include Golde (*Fiddler On The Roof*), Dr. Johnson (*On The 20th Century*), Frau Schmidt (*Sound of Music*), Ensemble (*State Fair*), Ensemble (*Annie*) and Jenny (*Company*). Thanks must always go to voice teacher Jackie Gaudet of the Newtown Music Studio. I love you, Mom & Dad!

Caitlin Kuhfeldt (CHIFFON) was most recently seen in last season's production of *Little Women* as Meg March. Other favorite roles include: Nancy D. (*A New Brain*), Vibrata (*A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*), and Ensemble (*Urinetown*). She has performed the National Anthem for UConn and UNC basketball games, UNC ACC track and field events and has opened for Blake Sheldon and Mercy Me. Her most recent foray in the performing arts has been improv comedy. She has performed with the Chapel Hill Improv Players and the People's Improv Theatre in NYC. Caitlin is an assistant publicist at Random house, Inc.